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CANTON TOWNSHIP

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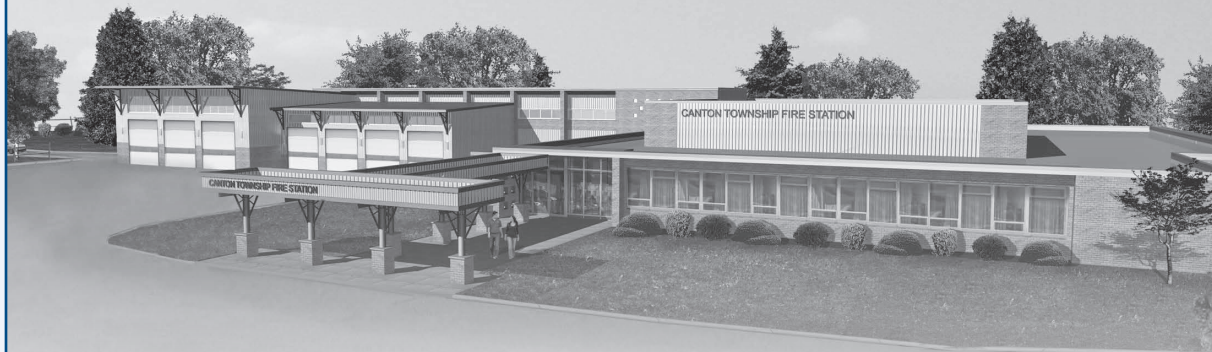
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FUTURE PLANS FOR AMOS McDANNEL SCHOOL



Public Meetings - February 15th & 18th, 2012

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Congratulations Jim Wilcox on a Job Well Done

After 12 years of dedicated service to the residents of

Canton Township, Jim Wilcox has retired as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Much has been achieved during the past 12 years. The clean-up of the Nimishillen Creek is finally going to happen because of you. So many kids are enjoying our two township parks because of your persistence to get funding for playground equipment; and, thanks to you, the ball fields are in shape for hundreds of kids to "play ball!"

It has been an honor and pleasure to have you as an integral part of the township for the past 12 years.

Thank you for a job well done. Enjoy your retirement ... you have earned it!



Welcome William Mittas

William (Bill) Mittas is the newest trustee having started his term on January 1, 2012. Bill and

his wife, Vicki, are 1979 graduates of Canton South. They have four children- Sara, Samantha, Paige and Noah. Sara and Samantha are also graduates of Canton South and Paige and Noah are currently in Canton Local schools.

Bill graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in Business Finance. He received his Law Degree and Master of Taxation from the University of Akron. Bill is a member of the Ohio State and Stark County Bar Associations and the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR).

"I am looking forward to the challenge of helping develop Canton Township into an attractive area to raise a family and start a business. Reduced funding from the State is definitely going to be a hurdle and I encourage resident input through township meetings, e-mail and telephone. I have heard a lot of good ideas from residents in the township and together I am hopeful we can see change."

WE WANT YOUR E-MAIL

In an effort to distribute township information quickly and efficiently, we are collecting e-mail addresses of Canton Township residents. The e-mails will be used for township newsletters, township information, urgent news and any other township hot topics. If you would like to receive this information please email us at cantontownshipnews@gmail.com.

Canton Township ZONING

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CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT 2011 REPORT

In partnership with Stark County Regional Planning through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the Zoning Department has removed (9) insecure, unsafe or structurally defective houses with (5) of those this past year and (1) already approved for this year. All of these have been completed through the program with no cost to the township.

A total of (62) High Grass violations were issued by the Zoning Department. The township Road Department mowed (32) of them.

A total of 115 nuisance violations were issued. These violations include trash, debris, unlicensed inoperable vehicles, etc. The township removed (5) unlicensed, inoperable vehicles and property owners removed over a (100) unlicensed, inoperable vehicles this past year.

A total of 181 transactions were handled by the Zoning Department with 118 of those as permits. Total Fees collected in 2011 were \$23,330.05.

There were a total of 38 park rental for the past year. 22 rentals were at the Community Park and the other 16 were at the Faircrest Park. Total Fees collected for both parks was \$950.00



317 Parker NE Before (above) & After



Reminders from the Zoning Department

1. **Signs** – All signs (including portable signs) require a permit for placement on all properties within the jurisdiction of Canton Township.

2. **Build on Property** – Zoning permits must be obtained prior to construction or placement onto any property within Canton Township for all of the following: new construction, accessory buildings, decks, porches, large satellite dishes, patios, private swimming pools (in or above ground) attached

or detached garages. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a \$50.00 fine plus permit fees. If unsure, call the Canton Township Zoning Department prior to building or improving.

3. **Nuisance** – What constitutes a nuisance is the excessive accumulation or storage of the following materials in the open areas of the property: dismantled motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts, tires, inoperable vehicles, debris, refuse, discarded or used building materials, household or industrial appliances, vegetation.

4. **Mowing Season** – All open spaces (except agriculture use) must be mowed and maintained on a regular basis. Expect a Zoning notice if your grass is over 8 inches tall. Be aware the fee for abating such a nuisance has increased. There is a \$250.00 administrative fee per parcel plus \$150.00 per hour with a minimum charge of \$400.00 per parcel for mowing or debris removal.

CANTON TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT 2011 REPORT

Patching We put down approximately 800 tons of patching materials at a cost of about \$63,000.00
473 – Tons of Hot Mix
327 – Tons of Cold Mix

Signs We replaced or repaired 232 Signs.
Completed an inventory of all Township Road Signs, approximately 2,250 Signs

STOP - 39	STOP AHEAD - 18
SPEED LIMIT - 46	NO OUTLET - 23
PARKING - 18	URNS & CURVES - 24
STREET SIGNS - 22	MISC. - 42

Culverts We installed 1700 ft. of various sizes of culverts

Crack Sealer Put down 5,000 lbs. of Crack Sealer

Catch Basin Rebuilt or repaired 63 Catch Basins

Road Opening Permits 21 Permits were Applied For

Ditch Cleaning Cleaned about 5,000 ft. of ditches

Mowing Mowed 32 lots in addition to our 2 Parks, Township Garage and all the Township roads

Salt Road crews were out plowing and salting 30 times, using about 2,600 tons of salt at a cost of about \$125,000.00.

Road Resurfacing Resurfaced about 7 miles of Township Roads / Cape Seal
Chip & Seal with Fog Seal / Asphalt (Baum & Mill)

Striping Restriped ½ of the Township Roads

Grants Had Grants approved for 2 different projects
R/R Grant – \$3,485.00
North Park Project – \$45,021.00

STORM WATER PROGRAM

Canton Township is mandated by the EPA to educate our residents about the Storm Water Program. Most townships, villages, and cities are required to participate in a Storm Water Program.

What is Storm Water? Storm Water is the water flow that results from rainfall and melting snow.

What is Storm Water Runoff?

Storm Water runoff is water from rain and melting snow that runs off across the land, instead of infiltrating into the ground. Storm Water runoff is unfiltered or untreated water that reaches our lakes, creeks and oceans by flowing across impervious surfaces. Impervious surfaces like roads, parking lots, and driveways prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

10 Things you can do to prevent storm water runoff pollution

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks.
2. Direct downspouts away from paved areas.
3. Never dump anything down storm drains.
4. Vegetate bare spots in yards.
5. Avoid pesticides.
6. Bring yard waste to Township hall for recycling.
7. Take your vehicles to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check all vehicles for oil leaks.
9. Pick up after your pets.
10. Have your septic tanks pumped and systems inspected regularly.

AMOS McDANNEL SCHOOL PURCHASE EXPANDS OUR TRAINING DIVISION

As most of you are aware by now, Canton Township purchased the vacated Amos McDannel School from Canton Local Schools last spring. The school board had vacated the school and put the building up for auction. Canton Township saw an opportunity to acquire the structure at a great price and put this building to use. This building will serve well for the department and be an integral part of the community.

The building was immediately put to use by the department as a training facility. Our mobile training tower was moved there and rooms were set up with specialized training props for training scenarios. Since Canton Township has the only certified RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) organized training program in Stark County we have begun conducting classes for other departments and our own personnel. This program teaches personal safety and self rescue skills as well as rescuing downed firefighters. Massillon Fire Dept recently received a grant that will cover the cost of putting each of their personnel through our Canton Township RIT program and will generate revenue for the department.

We are also able to use the facility to offer large scale seminars. In November we brought in a nationally renowned speaker for an all day seminar which was opened up to all area departments. The seminar was a great success and allowed us to showcase our training facility and our future plans. By allowing outside agencies to participate we are able to offset the cost to our department.

Having the new mobile training tower on the training grounds has proven to be a convenient and useful tool for us and area firefighters. Having a combined structure and grounds with ample training space should prove to be a great training facility and will continue to spotlight us as a growing progressive department that focuses on aggressive training for firefighters.

Some 2011 training statistics to share:

Our CPR training division instructed approximately 1,200 students on CPR and First Aid here at our facility as well as going off-site and instructing.

We instructed employees at local business on the use of fire extinguishers. Approximately 150 area employees participated in these classes.

Our Water Rescue Team (Stark County's only organized team with certified rescue divers) continued to train and practice their skills with rescue diving, swift water rescue and flood rescue. The team has 11 members and responded to 5 water emergencies in 2011.

Canton Township members logged more than 5,217 hours in training. Types of training ranged from basic fire skills, to Hazmat training to EMS training.

As you can see Canton Township focuses heavily on training. We make it a priority to be well trained to serve our community as best we can as well as training to keep our firefighters safe.



CANTON TOWNSHIP HAS GREAT YEAR WITH GRANT AWARDS



Canton Township successfully competed for and received several grants in 2011. These grants greatly assist with our yearly budget by freeing up money for regular budget items and also allow us to fund projects that we would not be able to do without this outside support. This past year (2011) the Canton Township Fire Department received grants in excess of \$375,000.

This breaks down as follows:

The SAFER Grant for \$200,000. The grant is for two years and expires in 2013. This enabled us to add a 2nd firefighter around the clock to our engine crew which previously only functioned with one firefighter.

A grant from AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) for \$150,000 enabled us to



purchase 5 new state-of-the-art cardiac monitors for our ambulances. They have the latest in technology and have more features to assist us in treating the cardiac patient.

We also received a State EMS Grant for \$3,450 toward the purchase of medical equipment and EMS training. Although smaller in size it does help us offset our yearly budget.

The State also awarded us \$3,472 towards education and training of our firefighters. This again all helps offset our cost from our budget.

We have again applied for many grants in hope of funding projects that we otherwise would not be able to fund.

CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011 DEMOGRAPHICS

2011 was once again a progressive year for the Fire Department. Our run volume (calls for help) rose again as we continue to strive to deliver the most professional, courteous and the best service we can to our community. We saw many exciting changes including the purchase of Amos McDannel School, increasing our staffing, receiving grants and expanding our training division. This year promises even more exciting changes for the department.



Listed here is a personnel profile of your department.

We have total of **66 members**.

The breakdown is:

Full-time personnel	12
Part-time personnel	35
Paid-on-call personnel	19

Our medical certification breakdown is:

Paramedics	44
EMT's	22

We have **19 officers** amongst our ranks.

Fire Related Runs

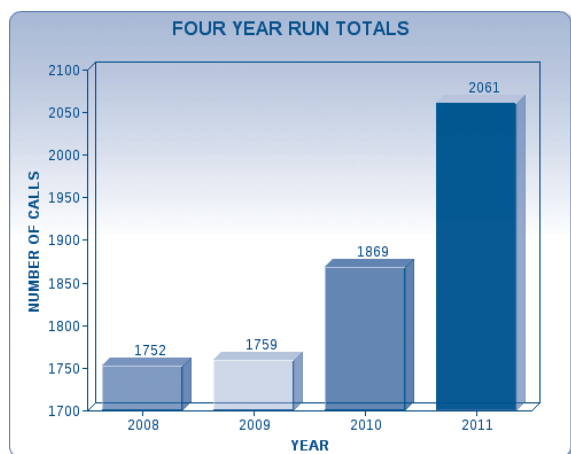
Canton Township ran 510 fire related runs ranging from structure fires, water rescues, confined space, hazardous material, motor vehicle accidents, and as well as general investigations. For 2011, we had dollar loss to township structures of \$756,900. The amount \$1,258,000 of community structures was saved by the fire department.

A total of 114 fire safety inspections were conducted on township businesses, churches, school and foster homes.

Emergency Medical Related Runs and Statistics

Canton Township responded to a total of 1,551 EMS related calls. This includes calls for trauma, medical, cardiac arrest, deliveries and patient assists. Listed below is an overview of some statistics involving patient demographics as well as the department's performance.

Number of individual patients handled	1,429
Average age of our patient	56
Average female patient age	59
Average male patient age	52
Number of medical patient	942
Number of trauma patients	487



Fire Department Run Volume Increases Again for 2011

The fire department has logged another busy year with run volume. Over the past few years, the fire department has seen steady increases with our emergency and non-emergency runs. 2011 was no exception to this as we increased once again with both fire and EMS runs. On the left is a basic chart illustrating the volume increases over the past four years.

Canton Township Places

OPEN FORUM

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 @ 6:00 pm

Station #3 at Meyers Lake



This Levy Will Provide

- Replace Outdated Equipment
- Building Consolidation
- Operational Funding for 10 Years
- Increase Meyers Lake Staffing to 24/7
- Building Upkeep & Renovations
- Community Center

ALL INCLUSIVE

Canton Township does not want to start a project, construct a Fire Station and then not have the means necessary to operate it. If approved, this levy also includes 100% of the cost of operations for your Fire Department for years to come.

- It will provide the funds necessary for the renovation of the former Amos McDannel School into a centrally located fire station that will be staffed 24/7.
- It will provide the necessary funds for staffing, present and future operating costs, as well as provide a capital improvement fund to replace outdated equipment.
- It will drastically reduce the response times to Meyers Lake by staffing the Meyers Lake station 24/7.
- It will include plans for a community center at Amos McDannel for township residents.
- It will reduce total operating costs by consolidating 4 buildings into one central building.
- Fill in the gap from decreased funding and increased costs of operations.
- Provide a much needed training facility so your fire fighters can safely perform their jobs.

Fire Levy on March Ballot

MEETINGS

Saturday, February 18, 2012 @ Noon to 4:00 pm
Former Amos McDannel Elementary School
(Kids Games and Refreshments)



*Existing building
and proposed
building illustration*



How Much More Will This Cost You?

According to figures pulled from the Stark County Auditor's Office, and based on a \$100,000 home, the cost to the homeowner is as follows:

- \$.35 Cents a day
- \$2.47 a week
- \$10.72 per month
- \$128.63 per year

For more information on property valuations, please visit the Stark County Auditor's site at www.auditor.co.stark.us or feel free to contact your Trustees or Canton Twp Fire Department

- The 1 mill levy currently in effect will expire.
- Therefore, the new 4.9 mill levy will be an additional 3.9 mills.

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Your Team CANTON TOWNSHIP



From left to right Bill Mittas, *Trustee*
Ron Smith, *Fiscal Officer* • Chris Nichols, *Trustee*
Bill Smith, *Trustee*

Check out the Canton Township website
at www.cantontwp-oh.gov.

Township Meetings

All regular meetings will be on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at the Township Office, unless noted otherwise.

February 13 (Monday) & 28

March 13 & 27

April 10 & 24

May 8 & 22

RECYCLE PROGRAM

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it can be recycled an infinite amount of times.

DROP OFF
OUTSIDE FENCED AREA
24 HOURS A DAY
7 DAYS A WEEK!